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Dear New Jersey Licensee,

The New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners has adopted regulations that will require the completion of 40 contact hours of continuing education for the biennial renewal period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008. **Credits for the renewal period must be earned between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2006.**

N.J.A.C. 13:34-8.1 et seq. provides the following details regarding continuing education:

- The continuing education requirement for license renewal (8.1)
- Contact- hour requirement for licensed marriage and family therapists (8.2) a minimum of 5 of the 40 contact hours must be earned in the subject areas of ethical and legal standards related to marriage and family therapy
- Approval of continuing education programs and courses (8.3) (See the list of approved course providers on the next page.)
- Contact- hour calculations (8.4) a maximum of 10 contact hours earned in addition to the 40 required credits may be carried to the succeeding renewal period
- Documentation of continuing education credits (8.5)
- Waiver of continuing education requirements (8.6).

Please be advised that the 2006 to 2008 (and all future) renewal applications will require a confirmation on the renewal application that the licensee has completed the continuing education requirements. Licensees are required to maintain original certificates of completion for a period of 6 years. Falsification of any information submitted with the renewal application, and/or the failure to complete continuing education requirements, may result in disciplinary action by the Board.

The Continuing Education Regulation is available on the Board's Web-page: <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.com/proposal/mftpro1117.htm>.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners.

13:34-8.3 Approval of continuing education programs and courses

(A) The following are acceptable sources of continuing education as long as the course, program, or article is applicable to marriage and family therapy or falls within the content areas set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:34-8.3(c):

1. Courses and programs approved by:

- The National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC);
- The American Counseling Association (ACA);
- The American Psychological Association (APA);
- The American Psychiatric Association (APA);
- The National Association of Social Workers (NASW);
- The National Association Of Social Workers-New Jersey (NASW-NJ);
- The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT);
- The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy of New Jersey, Inc. (AAMFT-NJ);
- The Commission on Rehabilitation Counselors Certification (CRCC);
- The American Ortho-Psychiatric Association
- The National Association of Drug Abuse Counselors (NADAC);
- A member of the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium/Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Inc.;
- The Commission of Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE);
- The American Family Therapy Association (AFTA);
- The American Society of Addiction Medicine.